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RE:

Deposit Account No. 50-0392

Carstens, Yee & Cahoon, L.L.P.

Customer No. 022858

U.S. National Application No. 09/914.804 filed August 30, 2001

Relating to PCT/JP00/09334 filed on December 27, 2000

Rubber Coated Strands; Belt, Ply, and Tire Using Rubber Coated Strands; and

Apparatus and Method for Manufacturing Them

Our Ref. No.: CONDA.00001

Ladics and Gentlemen:

Applicant hereby requests a refund of \$694.00 withdrawn from Deposit Account No. 50-0392 on August 7, 2002, Fee Code 141, relating to the aboye-referenced case. This application has not been abandoned at any point and, therefore, the \$694.00 fee (Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application) was withdrawn in error.

In support of this request for refund, please find the following documentation:

- 1. Copy of August 2002 Deposit Account Statement reflecting said erroncous charge;
- 2. Notification of Correction of Error in Small Entity Status;
- 3. Explanatory Letter of Submission of Check; and
- 4. USPTO Notice accepting Applicant's fee deficiency submission.

As evidenced by the enclosed documents, this application was initially filed under small entity status. Applicant later advised our firm that said application should be prosecuted under large entity status and Applicant subsequently paid the fee deficiency for prosecution under large entity status.

USPTO Deposit Accounts Refund Department January 16, 2003 Page 2

Please feel free to contact the undersigned or my Paralegal, Rhonda McGee, should you have any questions concerning this matter. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Colin P. Cahoon

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Deposit Account Statement

Requested Statement Month:

August 2002

Deposit Account Number:

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Docket No.CONDA.00001

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Shigemasa TAKAGI/FUJI SEIKO CO., LTD.

Serial No.:

09/914,804

Filing Date:

August 30, 2001

Title:

Rubber Coated Strands; Belt, Ply, and Tire Using Rubber Coated Strands; and Apparatus and Method for Manufacturing

Attorney Docket No.:

CONDA.00001

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

NOTIFICATION OF CORRECTION OF ERROR IN SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Applicant filed its PCT national stage application, U.S. Serial No. 09/914,804, on or about August 30, 2001, as referenced above. The undersigned counsel for Applicant, pursuant to Applicant's instruction and in good faith, claimed entitlement to small entity status on behalf of the Applicant and Applicant's Assignee, FUJI SEIKO CO., LTD. By correspondence dated April 26, 2002, from Japanese counsel for Applicant/Assignee, undersigned counsel was informed for the first time that the Applicant/Assignee's claim of entitlement to small entity status was in error.

Applicant therefore hereby notifies the United States Patent and Trademark Office of its loss of entitlement to claim small entity status and respectfully requests that U.S. Serial No. 09/914,804 proceed under large entity status on behalf of Assignee, FUJI SEIKO CO., LTD. Since the small entity status was established in good faith, the small entity fees were paid in good faith, and it was later discovered that such status as a small entity was established in error, Applicant hereby requests that this error be excused in light of Docket No.CONDA.00001

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Applicant's compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.28(c)(1) and (c)(2) and the deficiency payment requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.28(c)(2).

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$535.00 in payment of the additional national stage filing fees to proceed under large entity status for the instant application. No other fees are believed to be due and owing at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with the foregoing, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 50-0392.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: April 30, 2002

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 30, 2002, Applicant herein filed its Notice of Loss of Entitlement to Claim Small Entity Status, which was docketed by the USPTO on May 29, 2002 (see attached). However, Applicant failed to include its check in the amount of \$535.00 as indicated in its Notice. Because Applicant had included a paragraph authorizing debits and credits to be made to its Deposit Account No. 50-0392, Applicant has been monitoring its Deposit Account awaiting said charge, which charge has not been effectuated to date.

Applicant, therefore, contacted the Deposit Accounts office today via telephone and inquired as to the status of said charge. Applicant was instructed to send an explanatory letter and a check to cover the required charge. Therefore, enclosed please find Applicant's check in the amount of \$535.00 in compliance with the deficiency payment requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.28(c)(2).

Please feel free to contact the undersigned or my Paralegal, Rhonda McGee, should you have any questions concerning this matter. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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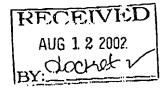


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NOTICE

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroncous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. 1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989). Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby ACCEPTED.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the Office of Petitions Staff at (703) 305-9285.

This file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1733.

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